

REMARKS

The abstract, and claims 1-4, 6 and 7 have been amended. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The drawings stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5). Accordingly, attached hereto is a corrected Fig. 4, in which reference numeral "5'1" has been corrected to --51'--. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of any objection to the drawings are respectfully requested.

The abstract and claims 1, 6 and 7 stand objected to for certain informalities. In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that these informalities have been addressed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of any objection to the abstract and claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the instant invention. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection are respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Examiner considers claims 1-7 to contain allowable subject matter. In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all claims should be fully in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all objections and rejections are respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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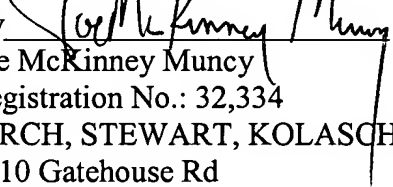
Because the prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and has not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto is one (1) sheet of corrected drawings that comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The corrected drawings incorporate the following drawing changes:

In Fig. 4, reference numeral "5'1" has been changed to --51'--.

It is respectfully requested that the corrected drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.